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## **USDA Announces Continuous Sign-up for Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

Jackson, Mississippi, September 14, 2007 -- The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service announced today that a continuous sign-up for 2008 Environmental Quality Incentives Program is on-going at all Mississippi USDA Service Centers. All applications on hand as of October 26, 2007, will be evaluated and ranked to determine priority applications. This October deadline also includes all Small Farmer Applications.

This program is designed to improve water quality, install conservation practices to reduce erosion, improve areas for wildlife habitat, improve grazing land, and manage animal waste.

Landowners and producers interested in learning more about this voluntary program should contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office or visit their local USDA Service Center.

Information on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program is also available at the following web site: [www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ms.nrcs.usda.gov). These programs are available on a nondiscriminatory basis to all producers.

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